REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **4 January 2006**, the examiner reviewed claims 1-11 and 13-25. Claims 1-5, 13-14, 23, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bly et al. (U.S. Pub 2002/0077944, hereinafter "Bly."), in view of Guerindon et al. (USPN 5,193,065 hereinafter "Guerindon"). Claims 6-11, 15, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bly et al., in view of Guerindon, and further in view of Harris (USPub 2002/0059204, hereinafter "Harris").

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Independent claims 1, 14, and 23 were rejected as being unpatentable over Bly in view of Guerindon. Independent claims 15, and 22 were rejected as being unpatentable over Bly in view of Guerindon and further in view of Harris.

Applicant respectfully points out that Harris teaches filtering search results from a remote search (see Harris, page 5, paragraph [0053]). This filtering is one of the security measures established by a system manager (see Harris, page 5, paragraph [0053]).

In contrast, the present invention teaches communicating to the remote supplier a context in which to execute the remote search (see page 6, lines 11-14, and see page 8, lines 26 to page 9, line 2 of the instant application). For example, a search context may be associated with a user's identity, may depend upon a user's affiliation with the organization, or may be associated with a language. This is advantageous because the remote search can be granted appropriate privileges and scopes associated with the context. For example, a search for a "trusted user" may return confidential results that would not be provided to a "normal user."

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There is nothing in Bly, Guerindon, or Harris, separately or in concert that teaches identifying a context to a remote supplier in which to execute the remote search.
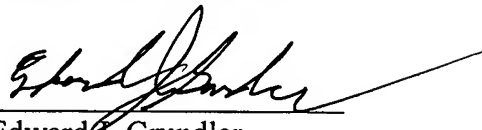
Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 14, 15 and 23 to clarify that the present invention identifies to the remote supplier a context in which to execute the remote search. These amendments find support on page 6, lines 11-14, and page 8 lines 26 to page 9, line 2 of the instant application. Dependent claims 8, and 18 have been canceled without prejudice. Dependent claims 9-11 have been amended to correct antecedent basis. No new matter has been added. Dependent claims 26-28 are new. Dependent claims 26-28 find support in previous independent claims 1, 15, and 23 respectively.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 14-15, and 22-23 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-7, 9-11, 13 and 26, which depend upon claim 1, claims 16-21, and 27 which depend upon claim 15, and claims 24-25, and 28 which depend upon claim 23, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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